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This treasured memory of mine from 1960 is headed for the Boston Chapel Archives at Eastern Nazarene College before this Fall. The Reverend Mr. Merle Fetter, former missionaries in Papua, New Guinea with his wife Barbara, has graciously granted permission...

"One sunny Sunday morning in 1960 Merle Fetter, Boston Chapel's dedicated Sunday School Superintendent, had given elongated black balloons to all 200 of the Boston Chapel Sunday School children. On the Sunday morning sidewalk while Sunday School was letting out, two of the 10-year-old boys began breaking the other children's balloons. Interrupting the loud balloon-bursting pops, our Sunday School Superintendent administered a light open-handed spank to the bottom of one of the boys. "Don't be breaking the other children's balloons," Merle counseled. Immediately the window of the ground floor tenement across the street flew wide open with a bang.

Looking directly at me, a young mother called out, "Is that the way you treat children who go to your Sunday School?" I was shocked by my own response: "No, Ma'am," I responded, "We let them do as they please, and go to jail and Hell when they grow up." (I couldn't believe I had just said that, and immediately felt I should not have -- "What public relations," I said to myself, wanting to take my words back if I could have.)

Next Sunday morning, out of the front door of that ground floor tenement apartment marched -1, 2, 3, 4, 5, count them, five - beautifully dressed girls and boys, all wearing bright, happy smiles. The oldest girl, about 8 years old, lead the proud parade. "Our Mama wants us to go to your Sunday School", big sister announced directly to me.

The window then again opened with a bang, as it had 7 days before. The 5 children's mother said, "Wait, Reverend, here's another one," handing a boy of about 2 out through the raised window into the arms of our Sunday School Superintendent. #30

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Some said the beautiful 1960s wedding photo, for some reason, did not come through. The accompanying wedding picture should come through to your computer better than the one sent 2 days ago. Photo is being resent in fairness and appreciation to our 1950s-1960s Boston Chapel workers... Jim Tasker

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